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Worker's Tax Increased in 2006 Budget

Township Supervisors will use an increase in the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax to help fund a \$6.2 million budget for 2006. But property owners, for the ninth straight year, will see no increase in the real estate tax.

The Township enacted the Emergency and Municipal Services tax, which replaced the Occupational Privilege Tax, in last year's budget. The rate in 2005 was \$15, with \$5 going to the Cumberland Valley School District.

This year, Supervisors raised the rate to the maximum \$52 (the school district still gets \$5), the rate adopted by most West Shore municipalities.

Supervisors said most workers in the Township do not live there and they felt the increase is justified because of the non-resident use of Township services. The tax is expected to raise an additional \$296,000 in revenue.

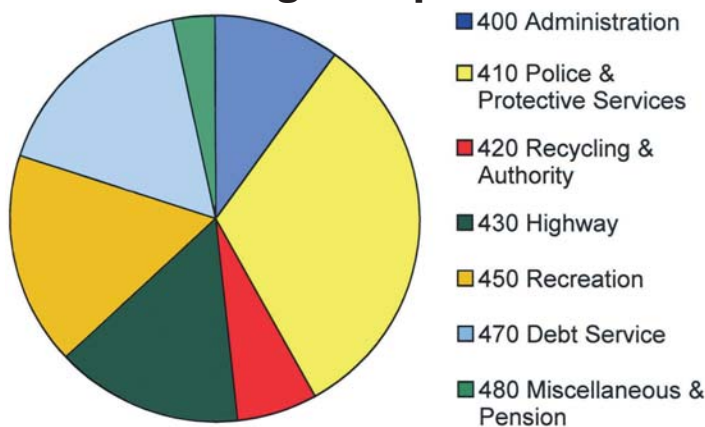
The increase in the tax will not result in an increase in Township funding of volunteer emergency service providers. Supervisors ask that residents continue to provide financial support through donations to the Ambulance Association and the fire companies to assist them in meeting emergency needs.

Other taxes remain unchanged: the real estate tax of .584 mills, the half-percent earned income tax and the \$5 per capita tax. Revenue from these taxes are expected to generate nearly \$3 million.

The budget is up by \$1.1 million, mainly because of work on a joint compost site and on the Stony Ridge Park development. Supervisors said the budget includes a projected deficit of \$600,000 but that will be more than compensated for by an anticipated carryover of \$3.4 million from 2005.

Major expenditures include \$1,987,921 for police and protective services; \$1,031,628 in debt service, \$1,040,045 for park maintenance and capital improvements, \$921,539 for the Highway Department and \$614,876 for administration.

2006 Budget - Expenditures



A New Look & Logo!

It's been five years since the Township Newsletter got a makeover.

The Township's Board of Supervisors believes it is time for another one.

So what you hold in your hands is the result of several months of design and consultation and a decision to print in four colors rather than two. The new look provides our more than 10,000 residents with important Township information in an easy-to-read, colorful way.

The new look and logo are a credit to Steven Neiman, a Township resident and owner of The Neiman Group, a major Harrisburg advertising agency. Neiman volunteered his time, working with freelance designer Patrick Francisco, to help develop the new newsletter look, logo and other elements of a new branding strategy for the Township.

We hope you like the changes.

Only 20% in Township Donate To Two Fire Companies

Fund-raising efforts by the Township's two volunteer fire companies — New Kingstown Fire Company and Silver Spring Community Fire Company — have raised more funds than in 2004, but 80 percent of Township households still don't contribute, Township Supervisors said.

Fire Department officials, they said, pointed out that a 20 percent contributor rate "is still an extremely small number of people we serve..." The Township has more than 10,000 residents, most of whom "are not bearing their share of the cost of quality emergency services," they added.

Supervisors urged residents to donate whatever they can to the companies. "Even \$5 from each of the 8,000 residents currently not participating," the fire officials said, "would have a tremendous impact on our budget and a tremendous impact on the amount of work we will do in the coming years to keep these trucks rolling and to provide our firefighters with up-to-date protective gear and tools."

The two companies conduct an annual fund drive, usually in late summer and early fall.

Board Approves Plan For Shopping Center

Township Supervisors have approved a land development plan for the proposed 460,000-square-foot Silver Spring Square shopping center along the Carlisle Pike. The vote followed conditional use approval by the Board earlier last fall.

The center would be built on 64 acres that include the Silver Spring Speedway, flea market and a mobile home park.

As part of the Supervisors' conditional use approval last fall, the developer, Silver Spring Square II LLC of Bala Cynwyd, is required to pay at least \$7,500 per resident mobile home owner to help displaced residents of the mobile home park.

The center is expected to include the West Shore's first Target department store and the region's first Wegman's grocery store.

Other possible tenants include Best Buy, Longhorn Steakhouse and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Under the plan, 12 lots would be consolidated into one 64-acre tract, east of the Kohl's department store. A small commercial strip that fronts the Carlisle Pike would be replaced by restaurants and a bank.

Authority News

The Silver Spring Township Authority has approved its 2006 budget which includes a 3% increase for sewer rental rates. The rate increase will be applied to the first quarter sewer rental bills that will be sent out in late March and early April. This increase is required to cover the rising cost of energy, materials, supplies, and additional manpower needs. The Authority is also preparing for additional costs it will incur when the Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Reduction Strategy is implemented by DEP, which will affect all wastewater facilities discharging into the Susquehanna River Basin. For additional information on the Chesapeake Bay Strategy, visit the Department of Environmental Protection website.



New Kingstown Fire Company

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January

15 - Breakfast buffet, 6-11 a.m.

27 - Meat raffle, 6 p.m.

February

10 - Meat raffle, 6 p.m.

19 - Breakfast buffet, 6-11 a.m.

March

4 - Ham & Turkey supper, 3:30 p.m.

19 - Breakfast buffet, 6-11 a.m.

24 - Meat raffle, 6 p.m.

The Fire Company is now accepting applications for members 14 years old and over. Volunteers don't have to be firefighters. The company also needs help with fund raising and administrative duties. Call Fire Chief Curtis Hall at 648-5871 or check the website at www.newkingstownfire.com for an application form.

TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

The Board of Supervisors at its Nov. 9 meeting accepted the First Generation Video Productions, Inc. of Mechanicsburg proposal to develop a Township web site. The site will supplement the quarterly Newsletter by providing residents with easy access to Township information and events. Work has started on the site which is anticipated to be online during the first three months of this year.



2006 Township Snow Removal Policy

Following are the highlights from the Township's snow removal policy:

Residents are asked to avoid parking vehicles along Township roads when snowstorms are anticipated.

Township crews will respond first to any bonafide emergency.

Crews will ensure that emergency service equipment can exit their buildings.

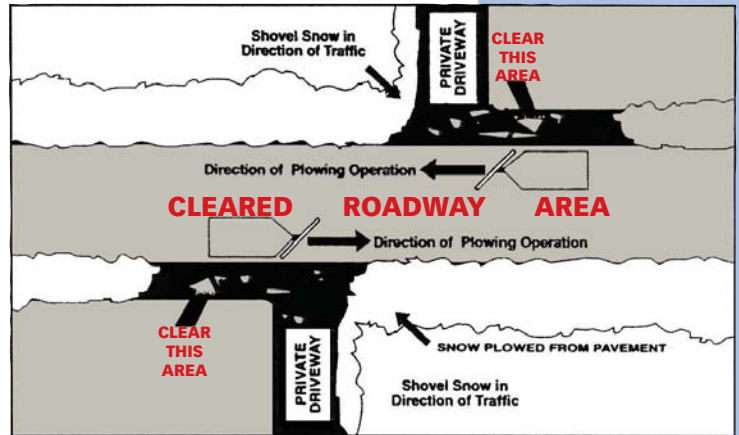
Crews will clear major Township roads.

Crews will clear at least one lane in all developments and provide two-lane traffic when and where possible and practical.

The Township established a rotation for plowing Township roads. Crews will start on different roads each time it snows.

When clearing your driveway, shovel the snow on the lower side of the driveway so that snow plows don't push it back into the area you just shoveled (see related map).

Property owners are requested to clear the areas around fire hydrants to ensure adequate fire protection.



Christmas Tree/ Brush Pickup

Christmas trees and brush will be picked up Jan. 9-13, the day after your trash is collected.

If trash is collected on the 13th, trees and brush will be picked up on Monday, the 9th. In order to be collected by the Township, brush must be bundled, no longer than five feet and stacked neatly. Christmas trees can also be placed with your regular trash the week of Jan. 2.

Residents can also drop materials in the proper locations at Willow Mill Park, which is being used as a leaf composting and tan bark mulch location. Leaves and brush must be separated from the piles of "in-process" materials.

Grass clippings are **NOT ACCEPTED** at the site and should not be dropped off.



Holiday Trash Collection

There will be normal trash collection the week of Jan. 2 and on Monday, Jan. 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and Feb. 20, Presidents' Day.

Konhaus Plan Approved

Township Supervisors have approved a conditional use request for a proposed 525-unit retirement community on the Konhaus farm property, west of Mechanicsburg.

The plan calls for 475 condominiums, 48 townhouses and two duplexes on 154 acres. The developer is Lehigh Valley-based Traditions of America, which will install traffic signals where Bare and State Roads intersect with Trindle Road and construct a northbound turning lane on Hempt Road at the Carlisle Pike as part of the conditions of the approval.

Employee Spotlight



NAME - Chad Heister

OCCUPATION - Authority laborer

YEARS WITH TOWNSHIP - Two years

RESIDENCE - Thompsontown

BIRTHPLACE - Lewistown

EDUCATION - A.A. in accounting, East Juniata High School

TYPICAL WORK DAY - Environmental testing, equipment maintenance, general labor

FAMILY - Wife, Cindy; children: Ryan, 6, Matt, 3

INTERESTS/HOBBIES - Time with family, golfing, church activities, reading.

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RECREATION

Winter Cancellation Procedures

If the Cumberland Valley School District is closed, all classes and programs will be canceled. Make-up dates will be scheduled as needed.

Programming Registration Procedures

Please note that pre-registration is required for all programs/trips and can be taken via the telephone. Payment is expected within seven days of registration. Bus trip registrations are ongoing, while class/program registrations are accepted four weeks before the start date. Programs and trips **will be cancelled** should we be unable to meet designated participation minimums. Call the Township Office at 766-0178 to register for activities and receive updates on all programs.

CHILDREN PROGRAMS



Kinderdance programs will be offered year-round for children ages 3-5, on Monday evenings at the Silver Spring Community Fire Company Social Hall. The six-week sessions will focus on coordination, creative movement and exercise in an atmosphere that enhances socialization and self-esteem. Classes may be expanded based on registration numbers. Snow make-up days will be incorporated, as needed. **Minimum/Maximum: 6-10**

Program Schedule:

Dance 1 - Jan. 9-Feb. 13 - 6-6:45 p.m. Cost: \$50
Dance 2 - March 6-April 10 - 6-6:45 p.m. Cost: \$50
Dance 3 - May 1-June 5 - 6-6:45 p.m. Cost: \$50

YOUTH PROGRAMS

The winter **SAT-Preparation Course** is scheduled to begin in February. These six-week courses are being offered through "Achievement in Education" and are scheduled to coordinate with the SAT testing dates available through the Cumberland Valley School District. Classes will be held **from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Room 248 at CV High School.** (Registration begins in December.)

Class Fees: \$295 - both classes \$165 - single class

Instructors: Naomi Duprat, Milton Hershey High School (retired)

Cerise Sawyer, Cumberland Valley High School

SAT-Prep English 3 Monday, Feb. 6 - March 20
Math 3 Tuesday, Feb. 7 - March 21

(No classes on Feb. 20, 21)

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Pottery

These 10-week classes, taught by Lou Steslow, provide basic techniques and an opportunity for those with some background to expand and improve. Beginners can expect to complete 4 or 5 projects, while intermediate and advanced students can expect to complete 6 or 7. Supplies are included.

Location: C.V.H.S. - Room 166

Days/Dates: Tuesday - Feb. 14 - April 18 (Beginner Level)
Wednesday - Feb. 15 - April 19 (Inter./Adv. Level)
Thursday - Feb. 16 - April 27 (Inter./Adv. Level)
(No class on April 13)

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Cost: Beginner Level - \$85

Inter./Adv. Level - \$90

FITNESS & SPORTS PROGRAMS

Please note that all programs are at C.V. School District facilities. Sports programs use a pick-up game format.

Pilates

This method of body conditioning provides excellent flexibility work, as well as gentle non-impact exercises to strengthen muscle groups.

Pilates #1: Jan. 9 - March 6 16 classes

Location: C.V.-Eagle View M.S. Auxiliary Gym

Day/Time: Monday and Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.

Minimum/Maximum: 12-20

Cost: \$65/session

(No class on Feb. 20)

Pilates #2: March 13 - May 8 16 classes

Location: C.V. Eagle View M.S. Auxiliary Gym

Day/Time: Monday and Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.

Minimum/Maximum: 12-20

Cost: \$65/session

(No class on April 17)

Yoga: March 13 - May 8 16 classes

Location: C.V. Eagle View M.S. Auxiliary Gym

Day/Time: Monday and Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.

Minimum/Maximum: 12-20

Cost: \$65/session

(No class on April 17)

Coed Volleyball #1 - Barry Henning

Location: C.V.H.S. Spectator Gym

Day/Dates: Thursday - Jan. 12 - March 2

Length: 8 Weeks

Time: 8-10 p.m.

Minimum/Maximum: 20-30

Cost: \$20/session

Coed Volleyball #2 - Bob Schellenberg

Location: C.V.H.S. Spectator Gym

Day/Dates: Wednesday - Jan. 11 - March 15

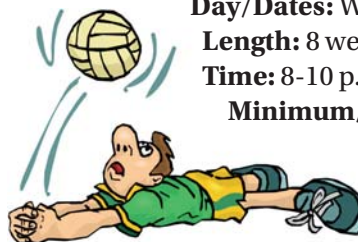
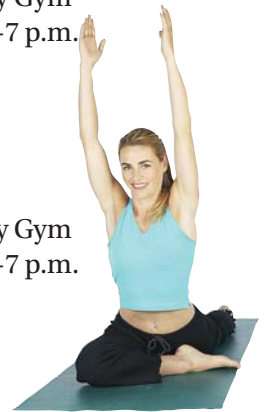
Length: 8 weeks

Time: 8-10 p.m.

Minimum/Maximum: 20-30

Cost: \$20/session

**** Dates may be modified based on adjustments in the CV school calendar.**



2006 BUS TRIPS

Take advantage of these very affordable and exciting trips planned for this year. Prices listed are per person and based on double occupancy for the Cape Cod trip. To reserve your tickets call the Township Building, 766-0178.

(We do not reserve individual bus seats. Seating is first-come, first serve.)

THE 2006 SCHEDULE

(The first rate listed is for residents, the second for non-residents)



- Monday, March 6 - **Philadelphia Flower Show**, \$56/\$59
- Wednesday, April 5 - **Montel Williams Trip, New York City**, \$45/\$48
- Wednesday, April 26 - **Lion King, New York City**, \$159/\$163
- Saturday, July 8 - **Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty/NYC On Your Own**, \$45/\$48
- Wednesday, July 26 - **Sesame Place**, \$59/63
- Sept. 20-24 - **Cape Code, Nantucket, West Point**, Single, \$660; double, \$575; triple, \$555; quad, \$545
- Saturday, Oct. 21 - **Fall Foliage/Valley of the Eagle**, \$91/\$95
- Saturday, Nov. 11 - **Radio City Christmas Show**, \$121/\$125
- Saturday, Dec. 2 - **New York City On Your Own**, \$46/\$49

Easter Egg Hunt

The Township's annual Easter Egg Hunt for children up to 10 years of age will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, at Pleasant View Park. The rain date is April 15.

The Easter Bunny will make an appearance at the hunt, and special prize baskets and candy will be given to youngsters through the donations of local businesses.



2006 Park Rentals

Park rentals for 2006 will begin in January for Pleasant View and Willow Mill Parks for family reunions, birthday parties, company picnics, special occasions, and more. Call the Township to check availability and to reserve a date.

Discount Ski Lift Tickets

The Parks and Recreation Department has discount ski lift tickets for most of the resorts along the East Coast, including Big Boulder/Jack Frost, Blue Knob, Blue Mountain, Camelback, Bear Creek, Elk Mountain, Hidden Valley, Montage Mountain, Shawnee Mountain, Roundtop/Whitetail. Tickets for weekday, weekend, night-time, holidays and equipment rentals should be available. Savings may range up to \$15, depending on location. Call the Township Office, 766-0178, to check on ticket availability.

HMMS Soccer Registration

The HMMS Youth Soccer Association will register youngsters for the fall 2006/spring 2007 seasons from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 5 and Sunday, Feb. 26 at the CV High School cafeteria. To participate, children must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 2001.

Participants should complete registration forms (forms will be available at registration and also will be available at www.hmms-soccer.org at the end of January) during registration; a copy of a birth certificate or passport for new registrants only; the player's medical insurance information; and a check payable to HMMS or cash. A small photo and a player's signature on a signature label is requested of players UO9 and older (born on or before July 31, 1998).

Children born on or before Sept. 30, 2000, who did not play in the fall of 2005 must register for the spring 2006 season on Sunday, Feb. 5.

Recreation Council Vacancies

The Recreation Advisory Council is seeking a community-minded individual to fill a vacancy. The person must be willing to attend one or two monthly meetings, assist with the administration and advancement of the Parks & Recreation Department, become involved with special programming and events, review policy and procedure and actively review park development plans.

Interested residents should call the Township Building, 766-0178.

Need a Rewarding Summer Job?

The Township is seeking summer staff to assist with the summer playground program and park maintenance. Playground staff should have experience with children, have a high school diploma, some college-level training in education, recreation or a related field and a high degree of energy and enthusiasm. Specialty skills in athletics, arts and crafts, drama, etc. are valuable commodities.

Park maintenance staff should be willing to work outdoors, have some background in lawn care and a willingness to train on the job. The summer playground program will require a 10-week commitment, and the park maintenance positions may work 10-12 weeks. Applications can be obtained at the Township Office, 6475 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg.



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Silver Spring Fire Company

The Company will hold a basket bingo on Sunday, Feb. 5. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and bingo starts at 2 p.m. The kitchen will be open and smoking will be prohibited. Reservations receive a discount. Call Amanda, 796-9753, or Cathy, 732-5795, for reservations.

The company has received its new 2005 E-One Engine but it will not be in service until equipment is mounted and personnel are trained on the apparatus.

Fulton Bank is planning a spaghetti dinner on March 19 at the Fire Company's social hall to benefit the firefighters. Please call for details.

The Fire Company will hold its first Pampered Chef Bingo on March 12. Call for details.

The Fire Company will host the Boy Scouts Annual Pinewood Derby on March 11.

Silver Spring Ambulance

The Association has three ambulances available to assist residents this winter. Call 911 with an emergency.

A service of non-emergency medical transport is also available by our Metro-Med Division. The Association has seven vehicles to provide transports by litter or wheelchair. Call 774-4200 to arrange the service.

Eleven Association volunteers recently provided blood pressure screenings for 116 people at the Giant Store on the Carlisle Pike.

The Association also has adopted an Army troop in Afghanistan as pen pals.

Residents interested in being a volunteer can call 697-3131 for information.

Simpson Public Library

The president of the West Shore AARP, Richard Sterner, will explain the new Medicaid Prescription Drug Program at 2 p.m. on Jan. 4. A minimum attendance of 10 is needed. Pre-registration is required.

A book discussion on "My Sister's Keeper" is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Jan. 23. Registration is recommended.

The library is at 16 N. Walnut St., Mechanicsburg. The phone number is 766-0171.

Township Meetings

JANUARY

- 3** Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 4** Auditors Reorganization Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 5** Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 9** Zoning Hearing Board, 6 p.m.
- 11** Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting, 7:30 a.m.
- 12** Recreation Advisory Council 7 p.m.
- 17** Emergency Management Council, 7 p.m.
- 18** Twp. Authority, 5:30 p.m.
- 19** Recreation Advisory Council Workshop Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 25** Board of Supervisors, 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 2** Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 7** Recreation Advisory Council, 7 p.m.
- 8** Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting, 7:30 a.m.
- 13** Zoning Hearing Board, 6 p.m.
- 15** Twp. Authority, 5:30 p.m.
- 16** Recreation Advisory Council Workshop Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 21** Emergency Management Council, 7 p.m.
- 22** Board of Supervisors, 6:30 p.m.

MARCH

- 2** Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 7** Recreational Advisory Council, 7 p.m.
- 8** Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting, 7:30 a.m.
- 13** Zoning Hearing Board, 6 p.m.
- 15** Twp. Authority, 5:30 p.m.
- 16** Recreation Advisory Council Workshop Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 21** Emergency Management Council, 7 p.m.
- 22** Board of Supervisors, 6:30 p.m.

APRIL

- 4** Recreation Advisory Council, 7 p.m.
- 6** Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 10** Zoning Hearing Board, 6 p.m.
- 12** Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting, 7:30 a.m.
- 18** Emergency Management Council, 7 p.m.
- 19** Twp. Authority, 5:30 p.m.
- 20** Recreation Advisory Council Workshop Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 26** Board of Supervisors, 6:30 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSED

Jan. 2 — New Year's Day

Feb. 20 — Presidents' Day

Note: All meetings listed above are held in the Township Building, 6475 Carlisle Pike, unless otherwise advertised. Times of meetings are subject to change.